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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 1997, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1997

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, our Father, You have placed within us the desire to seek You, the patience to wait for You, the understanding to know You, and the willingness to do Your will. To turn away from You is to fall; to return to You is to rise again. To trust in You is to abide secure; to do our work with excellence is to glorify You.

Today, increase our comprehension of Your goodness and grace. Make us aware of Your presence, in all things, responsive to Your guidance, and grateful for all Your blessings. Control the thoughts of our minds, the truth and tenor of the words we speak, and the attitudes we communicate.

Bless the Senators and the work that they do this day. Bless them with productivity and progress for Your glory. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in session for a period of morning business. There will be no rollcall votes conducted during today's session, and when the Senate completes its business today, it will convene then, again, on Monday, March 3,

with no rollcall votes occurring during Monday's session.

In accordance with the agreement reached last night, on Tuesday, the Senate will vote on Senate Joint Resolution 1, the constitutional amendment for a balanced budget, at 5:15 p.m. I remind my colleagues that there will be rollcall votes conducted throughout next week. We anticipate taking up a couple of nominations, including the nomination to be the U.S. Trade Representative, next week. We will give the exact times that we expect action on that to occur, and the time agreements, when we come in on Monday or Tuesday morning. But the next rollcall vote will be conducted on Tuesday at 5:15. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

I am pleased to see the distinguished Senator from Nebraska here ready to speak. I am looking forward to hearing his remarks.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 378

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read a bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 378) to provide additional funding for the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further consideration of this bill at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate is now in morning business.

The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

UPGRADING MILITARY HOUSING

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to address a very important issue for our Nation's men and women in uniform, an issue that you and I have spoken about.

A recent article in the Omaha World Herald detailed problems that Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, headquarters for the Strategic Command, is having with the condition of military housing on that base. I would like to read just a few paragraphs from this story. This is a story all too familiar, Mr. President, especially to you as our distinguished leader in the Armed Services Committee. This is a quote from the Omaha World Herald story:

Staff Sgt. Tony Suprenant and his wife, Karen, never thought that life in the United States Air Force meant they would get a palatial estate to call home. But the cramped and drafty townhouse that was offered to them when they arrived at Offutt Air Force Base last year was more of a sacrifice than they were willing to make.

The two-bedroom home was so small that it would not hold the modest amount of furniture they had gathered during their 7 years together on five bases. Offutt officials eventually found a more spacious and recently refurbished three-bedroom home for the couple and their 2-year-old daughter, Emily. Not every family at that base is so lucky.

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